

# State Board of Education Meeting

August 6, 2014

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INDIANA CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD

# Agenda

- Overview of the ICSB history and organizational structure
- ICSB results to date on chartering activities
- School performance



# Overview of the Indiana Charter School Board (ICSB)

- Established in July 2011 as a statewide charter school authorizer and is an independent state agency.
- Per IC 20-24-2.1-2, the Indiana Charter School Board's duties are the following: establish a process to:
  - (a) review a proposal to establish a charter school
  - (b) make a decision on the proposal; and
  - (c) monitor charter schools sponsored by the charter board.
- Seven (7) voting board members are appointed to the ICSB for four-year terms.
- Per statute – can charge up to 3% of basic state grant
  - ICSB currently charges 2% and maintains a state appropriation
- In FY2013 – the ICSB charged the 3 schools in our portfolio \$85,615

ICSB Board Members	Appointing Body
Maureen Weber (Chair)	State Superintendent of Public Instruction - Bennett
David Kogan	Governor - Daniels
BR Lane	Governor - Pence
Dr. Virginia Calvin	House Minority Leader - Bauer
Larry DeMoss	Senate Minority Leader - Simpson
Jamie Garwood	Senate President Pro Tempore - Long
Vacant	House Speaker Brian Bosma

A full copy of the ICSB annual report can be found at <http://www.in.gov/sboe/2532.htm>



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# Vision and Mission

- Vision: The ICSB's vision is that students throughout Indiana have access to high performing public schools
- Mission: To authorize and hold accountable a portfolio of high performing charter schools in which students achieve high levels of growth and graduate prepared for college and careers
- Guiding Principals
  - Students First
  - High Expectations
  - Excellence in Leadership
  - Commitment to Innovation
  - Rigorous and Transparent Accountability



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# Accomplishments since inception

## 1. **Establish the ICSB as a high quality authorizer**

- Policies and procedures based upon best practices of authorizers nationwide
  - Use of expert 3<sup>rd</sup> party review teams to ensure high quality application reviews
  - Rigorous accountability standards communicated and applied to our schools
  - Objective and transparent closing procedures
  - Continuous benchmarking against some of the top authorizers in the country
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- **NACSA, the National Association for Charter School Authorizing recognizes that the ICSB follows all 12 of their 12 best practices for Charter school authorizing**

## 2. **Authorize a portfolio of high performing schools with a focus on bringing innovation to the market**

- The ICSB maintains a portfolio of 9 schools throughout the state



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# ICSB Portfolio

School Name	Date Opened	Organizer	Grades Served (Planned)	Model
Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy	2012	Urban League of Ft. Wayne	K-8	Traditional
Carpe Diem Meridian	2012	Carpe Diem Indiana	6-12	Blended Learning
Excel Center – Anderson	2012	Excel Center, Inc.	9-12	Adult High School
Excel Center - Kokomo	2013	Excel Center, Inc.	9-12	Adult High School
Excel Center – Lafayette	2013	Excel Center, Inc.	9-12	Adult High School
Excel Center – Richmond	2013	Excel Center, Inc.	9-12	Adult High School
George and Veronica Phalen Leadership Academy	2013	PLA	K-3	Blended Learning
Nexus Academy of Indianapolis	2013	Better Blended Learning	9-12	Blended Learning
Indianapolis Academy of Excellence	2014	Indianapolis Academy of Excellence	K-3	Blended/ Focus on citizenship
Early Career Academy	2015(Planned)	Early Career Academy	11-12	Early College
Premier High School	2015 (Planned)	Responsive Education Solutions	9-12	Drop out Prevention
Carpe Diem #2	2015 (Planned)	Carpe Diem Indiana	6 - 12	Blended Learning
Carpe Diem #3	2015 (Planned)	Carpe Diem Indiana	6 - 12	Blended Learning



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# Charters Rescinded / Withdrawn

- The ICSB has granted charters to a number of organizations that have failed to open a school
- The ICSB has not closed a school

Name of School	Charter(s) Granted	Charter Rescinded / Withdrawn	Rationale
East Indianapolis Charter Academy	Fall 2011	February 2013	Decision to rescind by local board of directors due to inability to <u>secure a facility</u>
South Indianapolis Charter Academy	Fall 2011	February 2013	Decision to rescind by local board of directors due to inability to <u>secure a facility</u>
The Performing Arts Conservatory	Spring 2012	October 2012	Mutual decision to rescind due to inability to secure necessary <u>PCSP funding and a facility</u>
VIA Charter School	Spring 2012	December 2013	Decision by local board of directors due to inability to <u>secure a facility</u>
BASIS Indianapolis	Fall 2011	June 2014	Failure to execute charter due to concerns <u>about per pupil</u> funding levels
Rocketship Indianapolis	Spring 2012	June 2014	Withdrawal request by Rocketship



# Performance Analysis of charter schools: 2012-2013

- ICSB Accountability Plan (<http://in.gov/icsb/2434.htm>) measures Academic Success, Financial Stability, and Compliance.

Schools	Grade	Proficiency	Growth	Financial	Compliance
Excel Center – Anderson	N/A*	N/A - ECA**	N/A	Meets Standard	Meets Standard (8/9 indicators)
Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy	F	46% ELA 32% Math 73% IREAD	Does Not Meet Standard (4/4 indicators)	Meets Standard	Meets Standard (7/9 indicators)
Carpe Diem Meridian	N/A*	77% ELA 82% Math N/A - ECA**	Meets Standard (3/4 indicators)	Meets Standard	Meets Standard (8/9 indicators)

\*N size was less than 30.

\*\*N size was less than 10.



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# Questions?



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# Back Up



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# Back up - Feedback from National Operators

- *“We can’t make our model work under Indiana’s per-pupil funding mechanism” – Director of New Schools, BASIS*
- *“Despite Indiana’s favorable policy environment, per-pupil funding and lack of viable facilities make this a challenging state” – President, Rocketship Education*
- *“Indiana is not on our radar screen as we consider expanding to other states” – Director of Expansion, Noble Street Schools*
- *“Our school in Cincinnati receive \$600,000 more per year than our one in Indiana for the same number of students” – Director of Operations, Carpe Diem*
- *“If there were facilities in good shape that we could gain access to – that completely changes the equation regarding the challenging per-pupil funding amount” – Director of Expansion, Urban Prep*



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# Back up - Additional Charters Awarded

- ICSB has provided some high quality operators with multiple charters to support statewide expansion
- Talk about the request for application here

Operator Name	Total number of charters / Charters activated	Planned Opening Dates
Carpe Diem	6 / 3  Activation of charters #2 & 3 were approved by ICSB board in June of 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carpe Diem #2 : Opening in Indianapolis in 2015/2016</li><li>• Carpe Diem #3: Opening in Indianapolis in 2015/2016</li></ul>
Excel Centers Inc.	6 / 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Additional Excel Center openings are dependent upon submittal of activation request</i></li></ul>
Phalen Leadership Academies	10 / 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PLA #2 tentatively scheduled 2016</li></ul>



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# Back up – Fees charged

Indiana Charter School Board							
Administrative Fee Summary CY 2013							
<u>Corporation ID</u>	<u>School Name</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>CY Basic Tuition Support</u>	<u>Monthly Basic Tuition Support</u>	<u>CY 2013 Charge %</u>	<u>CY Admin. Fee</u>	<u>Monthly Invoice Amount</u>
9755	Carpe Diem	Carpe Diem Indiana, Inc.	\$ 586,904.00	\$ 48,908.67	2.50%	\$ 14,672.60	\$ 1,222.72
9750	Anderson Excel Center	Goodwill Education Initiatives, Inc.	\$ 2,155,540.00	\$ 179,628.33	2.50%	\$ 53,888.50	\$ 4,490.71
9740	Thurgood Marshall Leadership Academy	Fort Wayne Urban League	\$ 682,137.00	\$ 56,844.75	2.50%	\$ 17,053.43	\$ 1,421.12
TOTAL						\$ 85,614.53	\$ 7,134.54
NOTES:							
1. The Indiana Department of Education's Office of School Finance finalizes its calculations of basic tuition support at the end of December.							
2. Basic tuition support is paid on a monthly, pro rata basis directly to schools on the 15th.							
3. Under the current funding formula, new schools receive their first basic tuition support payment on January 15th of their first operational year.							
4. The ICSB issues invoices to its authorized schools on the 15th of each month, with terms of Net 30 Days. The ICSB will receive its first payments in mid-February.							

